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Following my letter to you of 9 February 1993 (S/25258), I have the honour to provide you with the following information.

On 15 December 1992, the Government of Israel decided to temporarily deport 415 members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad for a period of two years. This order was carried out on 17 December 1992.

During January and February 1993, 19 temporary deportees who were either ill or mistakenly excluded were returned:

- On 9 January 1993, 1 temporary deportee was returned;
- On 23 January 1993, 13 temporary deportees were returned;
- On 7 February 1993, 5 temporary deportees were returned.

On 1 February 1993, the Government of Israel decided to allow the return of 101 deportees to the locations from which they had been temporarily deported. The Government also decided to reduce by one half the term of the exclusion for the deportees against whom the temporary deportation remained in force. The deportees who were allowed to return chose not to do so at the time.

On 9 September 1993, the Government of Israel allowed the return of 181 deportees. This time, those permitted to return availed themselves of the opportunity.

On 15 December 1993, the remaining 215 deportees were allowed to return. Although 18 chose not to do so, 197 returned.

Thus, the decision of the Government of Israel of 1 February 1993, which was consistent with the principle of Security Council resolution 799 (1992), was implemented.

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